



## **North Park Central Neighborhood Association**

**MAY 2008**

Our goal is to work together as a friendly community to maintain and improve the appearance, safety, and property value of our neighborhood, thereby creating a better place to live, grow, and raise our children

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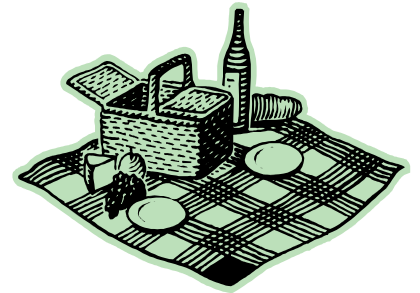
### **Steele Indian School Park Hosts the 2008 Concert Under the Stars Series**

Each year, the Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department offers the community plenty of free entertainment set against the backdrop of beautiful Steele Indian School Park. The 2008 Concert Under the Stars series offers residents and visitors the opportunity to enjoy live music at the park's outdoor amphitheater located at Third Street and Indian School Road. To make the evening perfect, folks are encouraged to pack a picnic basket, blanket and/or lawn chairs when attending any or all of these events.

The 2008 Concert Under the Stars series will feature three concerts sponsored by the Phoenix Office of Arts and Culture, PDI Construction, the Latino Institute, Gayle Starr and Starwood Vacation Ownership. For additional information call 602-495-0739.

Concert schedule: All performances are held at 8 p.m.

- Saturday, May 10 - Jacob Koller Duet, jazz pianist and vocalist
- Saturday, June 14 - The RAVE, classic rock and current hits
- Saturday, Sept. 20 - The Western Electric Band, country and light rock western band
- Saturday, Oct. 18 - to be announced

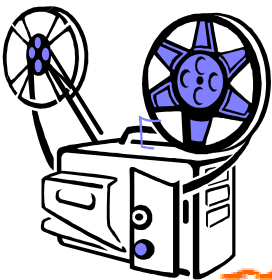


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### **Movie Under the Stars at Steele Indian School Park**

The 2008 schedule for Moonlight Movies in the Park is as follows:

Saturday, May 17 – Jurassic Park



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**Ryan House Breaks Ground at Merrell Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue** - When completed, Ryan House will serve as the only respite and support home for children in Arizona. It will be the Southwest's first essential respite provider in a home-like setting, and one of

only two in the entire United States. Plus, through a unique partnership with Hospice of the Valley, it will also become the nation's only respite and palliative-care home for children and adults.

From diagnosis through end-of-life and beyond, Ryan House will provide a comprehensive program of family-centered care including medical, psychological, social and spiritual support services and therapies. With a skilled, dedicated staff providing hands-on care, families will be able to focus on enjoying life and one another. Services will include respite care for families, hospice care, bereavement care, and help with family quality-of-life support. To learn more about services, donors, events and volunteering, visit <http://www.ryanhouse.org>.

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**School News** - Congratulations to all neighborhood students who have graduated. While students are enjoying summer vacation, many of the issues surrounding our nearby schools are just coming into light.



In November, voters will be asked the question of school district consolidation. In the upcoming months, we will hear more about this from organizations that will both support and oppose unification. The Governing Boards in all 13 elementary districts and Phoenix Union High School District are opposed to this redistricting into one large unified Phoenix Union District of over 100,000 students. According to Osborn School District Superintendent, Wilma J. Basnett, Ph.D.,

- **Research does not support consolidation – it has detrimental effects on low socioeconomic students.** (83% of Osborn students qualify for free or reduced meals.)
- **Consolidation is not necessary to assure curriculum alignment.** All districts are required to teach to K-12 state standards, thus curriculum is already aligned.
- **Consolidating Districts does not equate to more money in classrooms.** Osborn spends more dollars in the classroom and on student instructional support than is spent in unified districts in the greater Phoenix area. There is little or no evidence that consolidation saves money except in very small districts (less than 1,000 students). Osborn has 3,668 students and already reaps the benefits of economy of scale. Using purchasing consortia allows Osborn to purchase at same cost savings of larger districts.
- **Consolidating districts does not equate to higher achievement –** Osborn students do better academically than most students in elementary schools with comparable percentages of free/reduced lunch in unified districts.
- **For more information contact** [www.osbornet.org](http://www.osbornet.org) or Dr. Basnett at [wbasnett@osbornet.org](mailto:wbasnett@osbornet.org), 602-707-2001

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**Free Foreclosure Prevention Workshop, Saturday, May 10, 2008** – As a part of ongoing efforts to address the home foreclosure crisis gripping the nation, Rep. Ed Pastor in partnership with the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco will hold a foreclosure prevention workshop. The free event will include a Q & A panel discussion of realtors, lenders, as well as credit and housing experts who will discuss options for homeowners

facing foreclosure, delinquencies, or adjustable rate mortgages that will reset to amounts they can't afford. Other topics will include:

- o How to detect housing scams targeting distressed homeowners
- o How to work with lenders to keep your home
- o Understanding your legal rights
- o How to sell your home

Moreover, credit and housing counselors, loan services, and lenders will also be available to provide one-on-one consultations to homeowners. **Attendees are encouraged to bring loan documents and other relevant financial information.**

- o 9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. Remarks Congressman Pastor and Mayor Phil Gordon
- o 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Panel Discussion
- o 10:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Homeowner Counseling

The event will be held Saturday, May 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Phoenix City Hall, 200 West Washington Street in Phoenix. There will be free parking at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Washington and activities for children.

This panel of experts will discuss how to avoid foreclosure and will hold one-on-one counseling services for distressed Phoenix homeowners.

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### **Bulk Trash pick-up is May 19<sup>th</sup>**

Remember the one week rule...please place your items at curbside only one week before pick-up.

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**Showcase Event at Osborn Schools** – As part of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century grant for after school and summer programs at all six district schools, students have a Showcase event in which they demonstrate their achievement in the academic and enrichment programs. There are four such showcase events each year to culminate each trimester and summer session.

Clarendon Fine Arts Clubs gave presentations and exhibited work in the library on May 1. Clarendon's Baile Folklorico performance followed. In addition, Theresa Hulihan's Clarendon Band Concert is set for 6 p.m. May 6<sup>th</sup>. To conclude the Showcase program, Camden Lloyd's ballet groups will perform 3:15 p.m. on May 15.

Longview's Razzle-Dazzle Showcase students will perform at 5:30 p.m. on May 15<sup>th</sup>, featuring Longview's Baile Folklorico, Tap Dancers, and Phoenix Theatre Troupe. Refreshments will follow the performance.



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### **Neighborhood Homes For Sale –**

**Homeowners trying to sell and homeowners having a difficult time with mortgage payment may want to attend the free foreclosure seminar.**

This month we had one home sell on Clarendon Avenue Two homes cancelled or let the contract expire and one home went back on the market. Three homes reduce prices while seven held their list price.

| Address                | SqFt  | Bed/Bath | List Price | Sale Price | Price per SqFt |
|------------------------|-------|----------|------------|------------|----------------|
| 825 W. Mitchell Dr.    | 1,110 | 3/1      | \$224,900  | Expired    | \$202.61       |
| 840 W. Whitton Ave.    | 1,641 | 4/2      | \$244,000  | Active     | \$148.69       |
| 1012 W. Weldon Ave.    | 1,777 | 3/1.75   | \$224,900  | Cancelled  | \$126.56       |
| 842 W. Clarendon Ave.  | 1,162 | 3/1.75   | \$195,000  | Sold       | \$167.81       |
| 1001 W. Clarendon Ave. | 1,840 | 3/2      | \$218,997  | Active     | \$119.02       |
| 1008 W. Clarendon Ave. | 1,436 | 3/1      | \$185,000  | Active     | \$128.83       |
| 817 W. Indianola Ave.  | 1,178 | 4/1.75   | \$178,000  | Active     | \$151.10       |
| 822 W. Indianola Ave.  | 1,622 | 4/2      | \$299,900  | Active     | \$184.90       |
| 848 W. Fairmount Ave.  | 2,075 | 4/2      | \$192,910  | Pending    | \$92.97        |
| 815 W. Piccadilly Ave. | 1,275 | 3/1.75   | \$210,000  | Active     | \$164.71       |
| 3615 N. 8th Ave.       | 1,506 | 3/2      | \$209,500  | Active     | \$139.11       |
| 3837 N. 8th Ave.       | 1,600 | 5/2      | \$174,000  | Active     | \$108.75       |
| 3441 N. 8th Ave.       | 1,185 | 3/1.5    | \$229,000  | Active     | \$193.25       |

If you want to see pictures and expanding listing information, send an e-mail to mail@NPCNA.com and ask to be added to the home sales e-mail list to receive the "Buyers Page" courtesy of Realtor Juan Medina at HomeSmart, 602-430-6895. All e-mail addresses will be kept confidential and are not given to any realtor.

**Contact Information**

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**Check out our new website at**

[www.NPCNA.com](http://www.NPCNA.com)

To contact any board member, send an e-mail to: [Mail@NPCNA.com](mailto:Mail@NPCNA.com).

Like to paint? We are looking for volunteers to help remove graffiti in our neighborhood.

**Community Phone Numbers**

City of Phoenix Administration Services (602) 534-5033  
 Graffiti Busters hotline (602) 495-7014  
 Graffiti Detective reward hotline (602) 262-7327  
 Report property blight violations (602) 262-7844  
[blight@phoenix.gov](mailto:blight@phoenix.gov)  
 Grocery Cart Removal (800) 843-2278  
 Illegal Signs (602) 534-7100  
 Landlord/Tenant Counseling (602) 262-7210  
 General Information, city (602) 534-6262  
 Police Crime Stop (602) 262-6151  
 To report a crime in progress 9-1-1  
 Dave Chambers, Police Comm. Action Officer (602) 534-2637  
 Tom Simplot, District 4 City Councilman (602) 262-7447  
 Ken Chevront, District 15 State Senator (602) 926-5325  
 City of Phoenix Water Services (602) 262-6251  
 Arizona Public Service (602) 371-7171  
 Southwest Gas (602) 862-1999  
 Cox Communications (623) 594-1000  
 City of Phoenix Sewer Dept. (602) 262-6222